

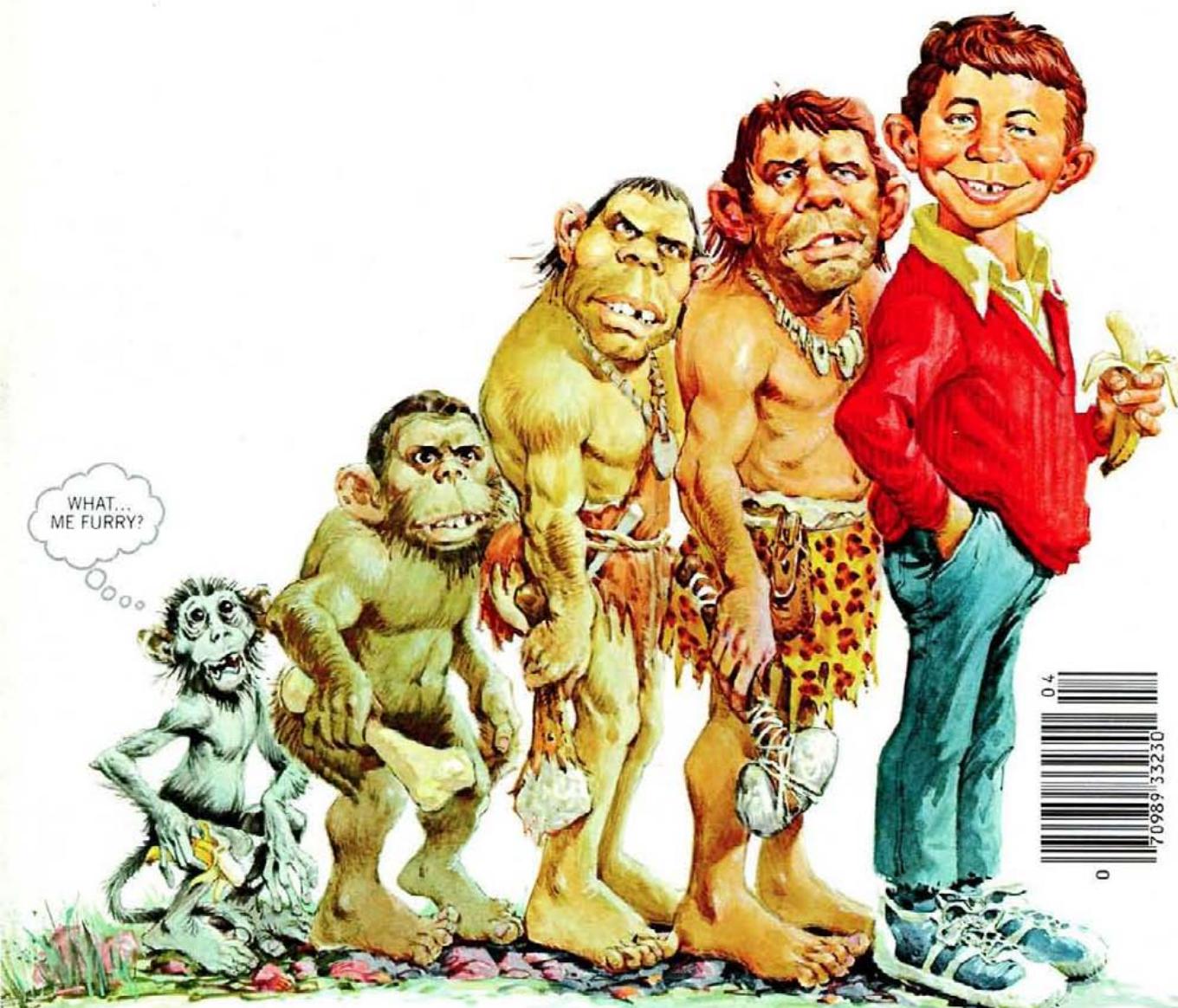
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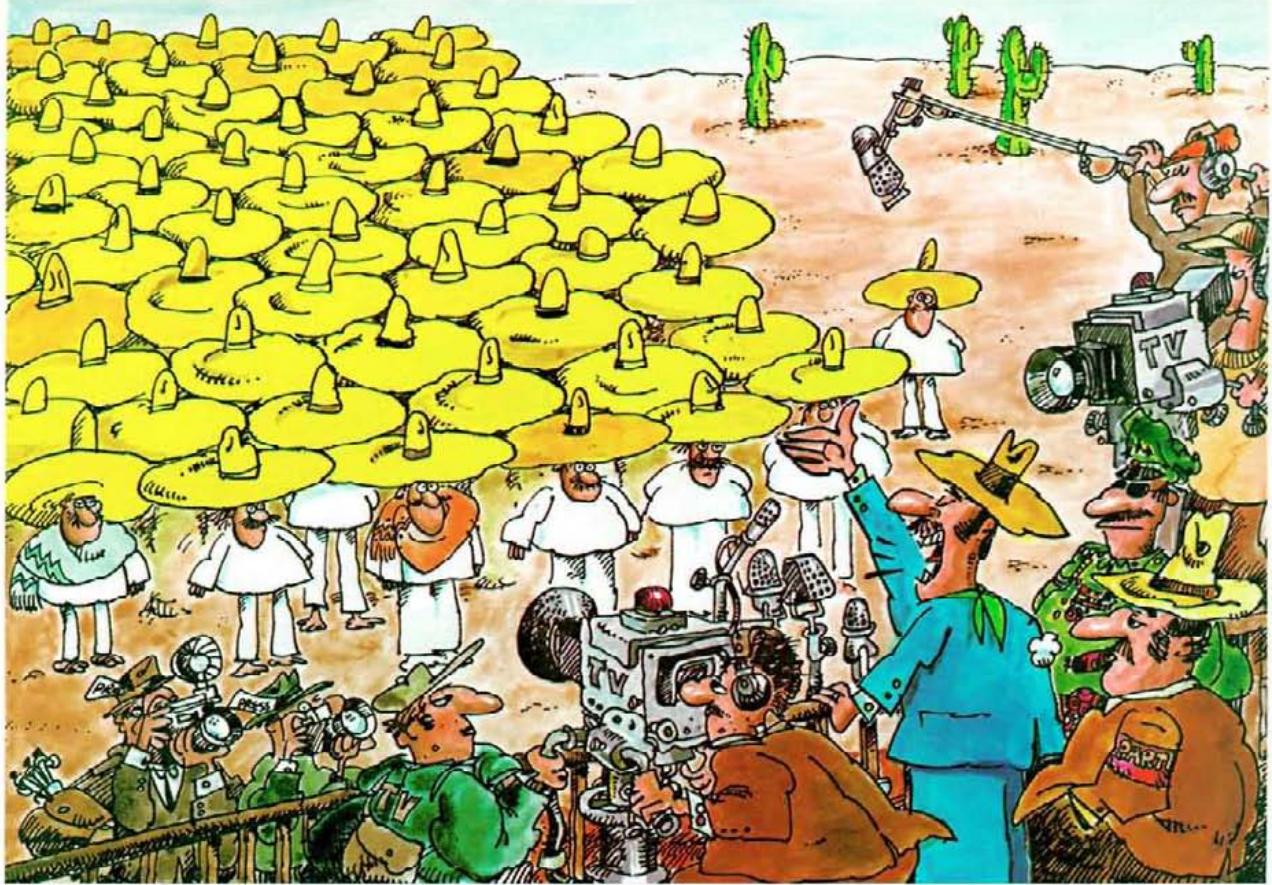


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E.T.

Congratulations to Jack Rickard on another great cover! I have only one criticism: You should have published the E.T. cover before the "Rocky" cover. That way you could have had E.T. giving Alfred a new tooth, and then have Rocky knocking it right back out!

Mark Allen
New York, NY

Being loved by both children and adults alike, E.T. certainly bridged the generation gap. Now, after looking at MAD #236's cover, I can see that E.T. wanted to leave no gap unfilled.

Ken Mitchell
Denver, CO

It was nice to see that E.T. got "Close-Up" to Alfred and gave him a "Gleem"-ing full smile. Only I hope that someone takes "Aim" at old Alfie and makes him snaggle-toothed again. Seeing him with all his teeth left me feeling "Crest"-fallen.

John B. Yeager III
Quinlan, TX

E.T.C.

I thought your "E.T." spoof showed Jack Davis's Quality Talent and Stan Hart's Quick Thinking. Both should be Quarantined Together again in another MAD article.

Jack Tutela
Quincy, MA

After I read your version of "Q.T." I don't blame him for wanting to go home.

Matt O'Donnell
Colma, CA

E.T. phone lawyer!

Marty Tabnik
Newport Beach, CA

My friend and I enjoyed Q.T. Thanks,
Tara Carstensen
Harlingen, TX



E.T. And Friend

STAR TREK II

I would like to "Khan-gratulate" Dick DeBartolo and Mort Drucker for "Star Bleech II." It was simply "Spock-tacular!"

Dan Daetz
Sunnyvale, CA

DeBartolo and Drucker have always been very "Enterprising"—Ed.

After Kirk told Spock to send General Alert and Major Dilemma to the bridge, Dick DeBartolo could have added some additional dialogue to the scene:

SPOCK: Ha, ha, ha.
KIRK: Why are you laughing, Mr. Spock?

SPOCK: It's a private matter, Admiral.
KIRK: In that case, you better have Private Matter report to the bridge, too!

Gary Goldberg
Los Osos, CA

PAC-ING 'EM IN

Concerning MAD #235's Letters Page, I would like to say that your readers must be MAD to count the number of Pac-Men in an issue of MAD. Besides they are all wrong. The correct number is 33. Am I right?

Jacqueline Chu
Western District, HONG KONG

In your latest issue I counted 50 E.T.'s, 25 Annies, 14 Mr. Spocks and 3 Don Martin signatures.

Jeffrey Shapiro
Richboro, PA

CHUTZPAH IS...

...charging a buck for MAD and then saying it's "CHEAP!"

Kathy King
Winter Haven, IL

...Steven Spielberg making a perfect movie and you guys satirizing it just the same.

Charles D. Brown
Brentwood, NY

BLASTING BLASTERS

Please note that in MAD #236, Don Martin's E.T. Out-Take Department was completely wrong. With all the junk they load on ghetto blasters these days, how do you expect anyone to hold it up with one hand?

Sandy Ferguson
Toronto, CANADA

SEA SICK

This is just a note to tell you how important your magazine is to a lonely sailor on the high seas. MAD is the closest thing to sanity around. It helps me to keep my head together. Thanks a lot!

Donald Hosman, ETZ
USS Mississippi

Next Shore Leave, try splashing on a little "Old Spice"—Ed.

A PRYOR ISSUE

I am the Director of "Some Kind Of Hero," and I must say that your piece "Dumb Kind Of Hero" (MAD #235) was nothing short of brilliant. There's nothing like having your film destroyed, mangled and brutally assaulted. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Michael Pressman
Universal City, CA

A "TIMELESS" COVER

Boy, is TIME magazine desperate for a cover picture! MAD #233, disguised as a TIME, displayed Pac-Man, right? Next thing you know, TIME is there on the newsstand featuring the video champ. TIME turning to MAD for cover ideas. What is this world coming to?—Ed.

Susan O'Connor
Roswell, GA



MAD, Ahead Of Time



TIME Gone MAD

What do you expect from Time. Back on September 24, 1956 they called MAD "a short-lived satirical pulp"—Ed.

OZBOURNE AGAIN

I would like to tell Mr. R.A. Hill of Somewhere USA (MAD #236 Letters Page) that if he is going to insult my favorite rock star, Ozzy Ozbourne, at least get his information straight. Regarding Ozzy's taste for chicken, it was the head of a bat he bit off, not a chicken!

Shane E. Wood
Butler, PA

Frank Perdue will be very relieved to hear this.—Ed.

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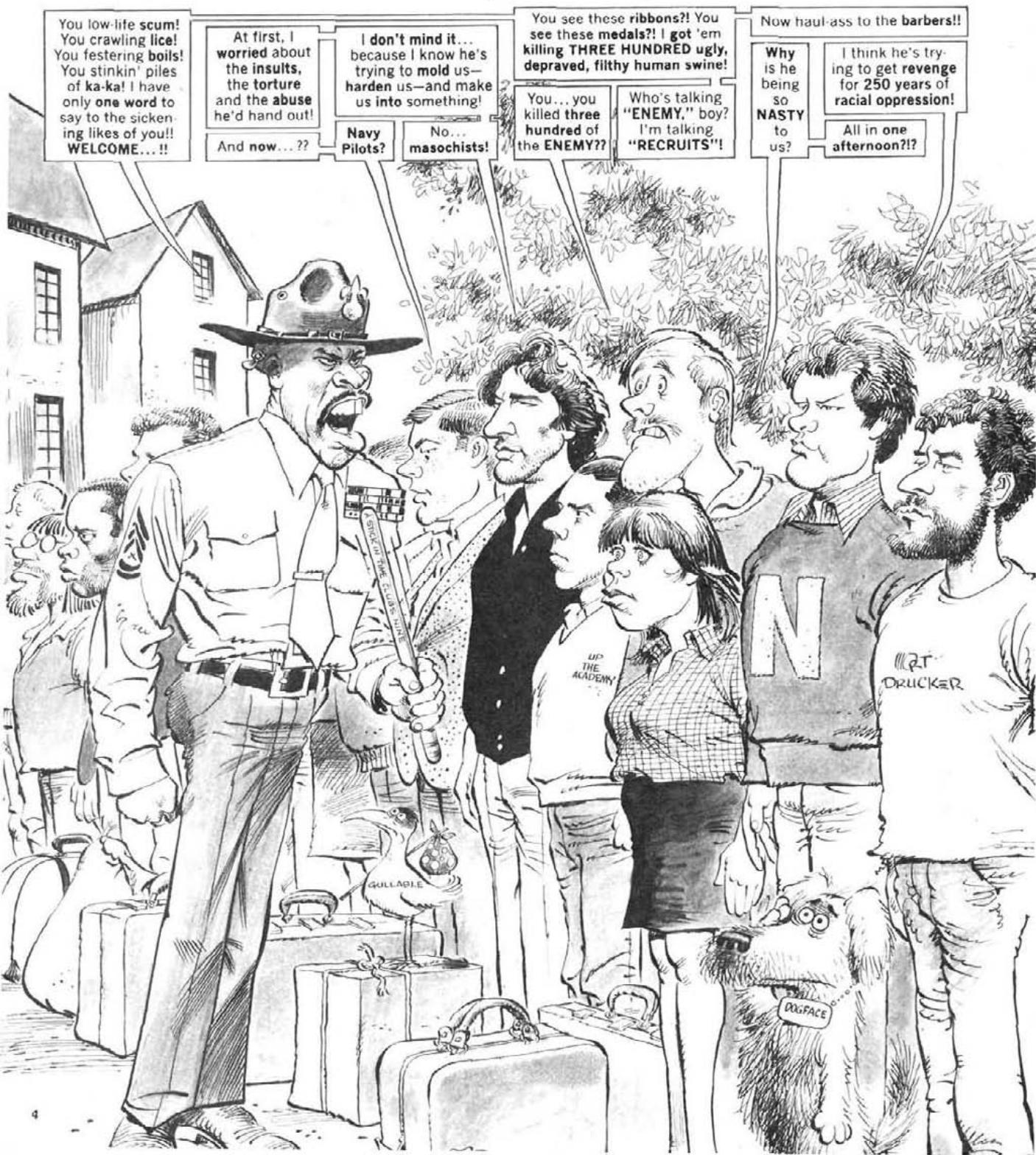
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C'EST LE GERE DEPT.

You've heard about the creaky, old-fashioned movies your parents (and their parents) went to see when they were your age? Well, those kind of simple-minded tear-jerkers are back! Only this time, they're loaded with steamy sex so they appear to be "contemporary". But take it from us, they're the same old tired films! Oh? You don't believe us? Well see for yourself as you feast your eyes (while starving your brain) on our version of one example:



AN OFFICER AIN'T NO GENTLEMAN

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

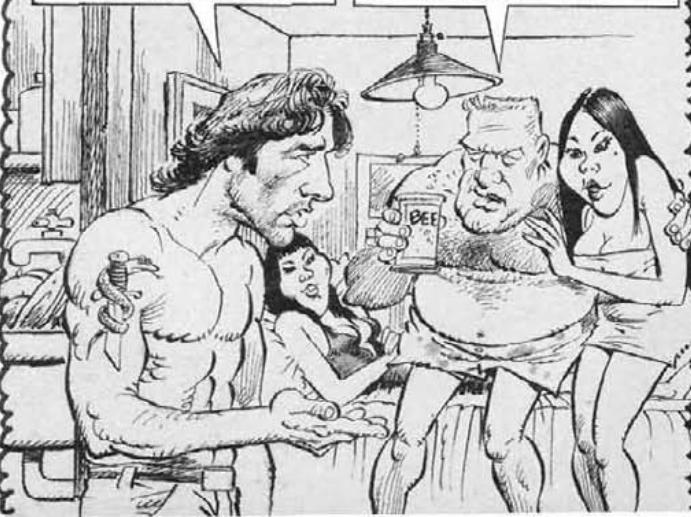
WRITER: STAN HART

Hil! I'm Zapp Mayhem! I guess you're wondering why a guy like me would want to be a Navy Pilot! Well, while I'm waiting for the barber to shave my head, I'll bore you with a few flashbacks—like when I was sent to live with my Dad, a Navy man stationed in Manila—



Can I ask you a question, Dad? How come, in ten years, I've never seen you wear anything but that one pair of soiled undershorts?!

Are you trying to tell me I'm a slob?!! Well, I'm not! Just for your info, I have TWO pair of soiled undershorts—and I rotate them once a month!



Gee, Dad... I don't know... I don't feel very good lately! This kind of life is starting to get me down! I'm not doing anything for myself...!!

Bull!! You're getting yourself into GREAT SHAPE! And can you think of a BETTER way to do push-ups???



Dad... I want to go to Navy Pilot Officer's Candidate School!

Hah!! You gotta be a college grad to qualify!!

That's okay! I DID go to Manila A & M...!

Agriculture and Mineral?

No... Amphetamine and Methadone!

You, an Officer and a Gentleman?? Hah! Look at that hair—that unshaven mug—that vulgar tattoo!!

Hey... no sweat! I can fix that! All I need is a little ADHESIVE TAPE!



... and that's the end of the flashbacks...!

Mayhem, after that dumb adhesive tape trick, I'm gonna derive a special pleasure from flunking you out within a week!

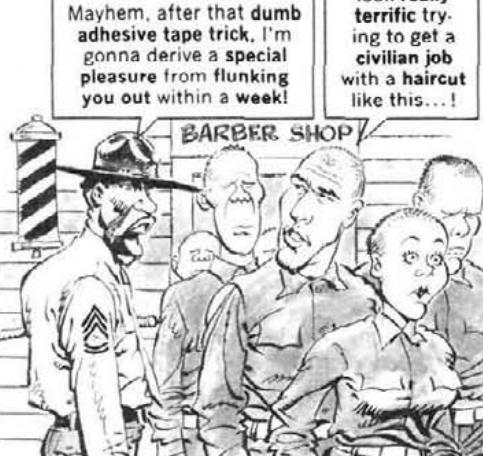
Thanks a lot, Sir! I'm gonna look really terrific trying to get a civilian job with a haircut like this...!

Now give me 100 PUSH-UPS!

Gee, this isn't nearly as much fun as doing them with a girl!!

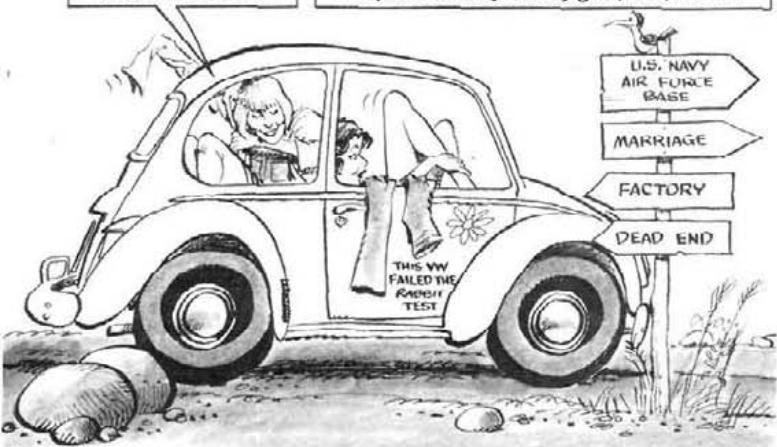
What's the matter? Is it too hard for you weaklings... running in place?!!

It is when that place happens to be a sewer!



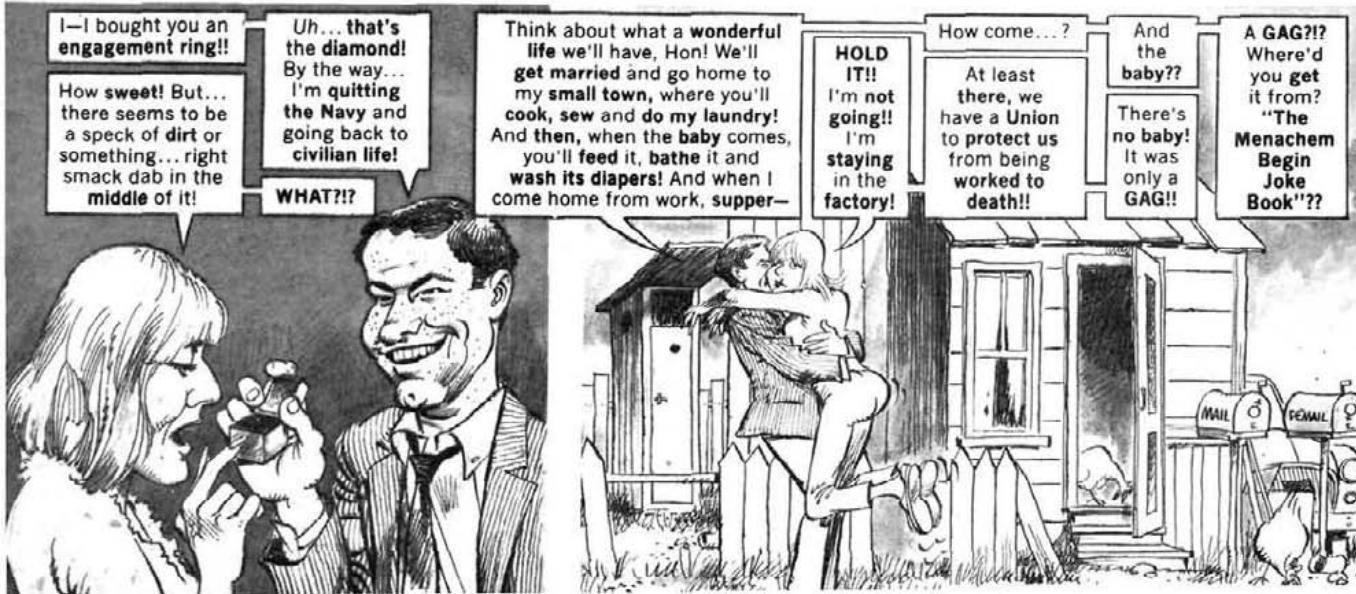
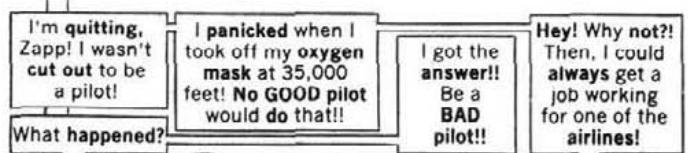
Good idea, changing into our party dresses here in the car...!!

That way, when we show up at the base for the dance, they'll think we're debutantes instead of plain ordinary factory girls, huh, Maula?!









Why? WHY? Why does everything I come near die, decay or turn horribly ugly?

Thanks a lot!



You caused his death with all your **bullying**!
I'm going to make you pay for it!!

And I'm gonna enjoy kickin' your butt, boy!

No, you won't, Sergeant Fooley. because I've got a **score** to settle with you...
I've got Skid's **memory** to fight for...
and I've got right on my side...!!

But there's one thing you **AIN'T** got!!



... A steel jock!!



Throwing our hats in the air at **graduation** is the Navy's **oldest tradition**!

And spending the **rest** of the day **finding** them is the **second oldest**!



Thanks, Sergeant... for **everything**! You taught me something I never knew before!

What's that, Sir...?

... That a **EUNUCH** can become a **Navy Pilot**!!



Which brings us to this big, final tear-jerking scene where I storm into the factory, pick you up in my arms and carry you off to get married...!!

But first, can you tell me; Why do all you girls want to **marry** us **Navy Pilots**??

Do you know of any **OTHER** way of becoming a **Navy Pilot's WIDOW** ... and collecting all of that **INSURANCE**??!



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DON MARTIN'S ATOMIC HOLOCAUST SURVIVAL MANUAL

ARTIST: DON MARTIN

WRITER: DON EDWING

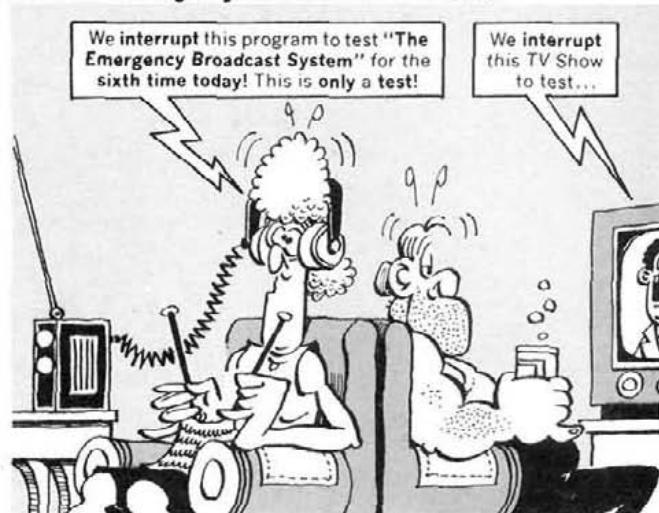


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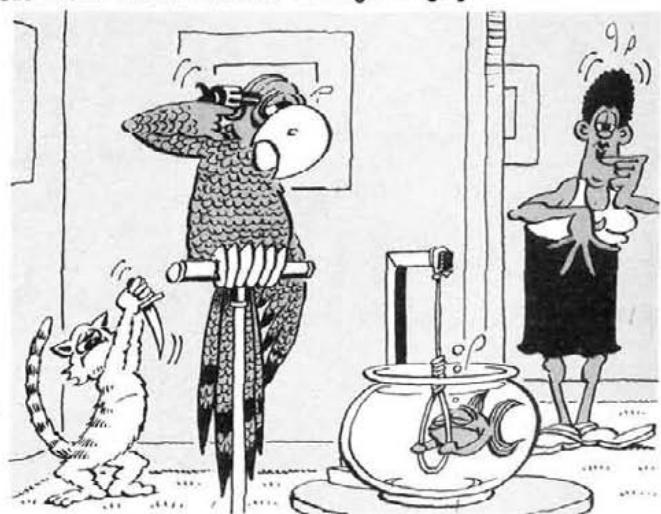
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CLUE NO. 5—Weird book titles begin to appear!



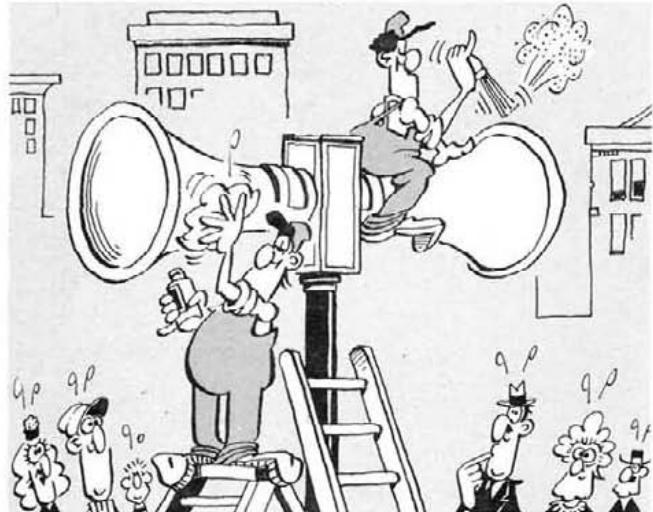
CLUE NO. 6—Pet animals start acting strangely!



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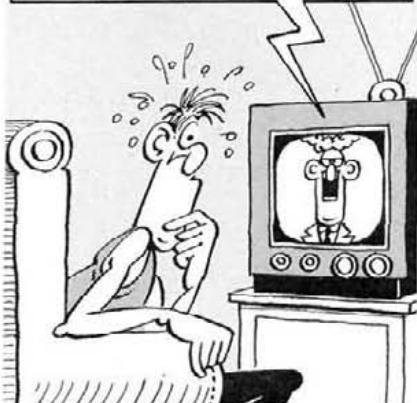
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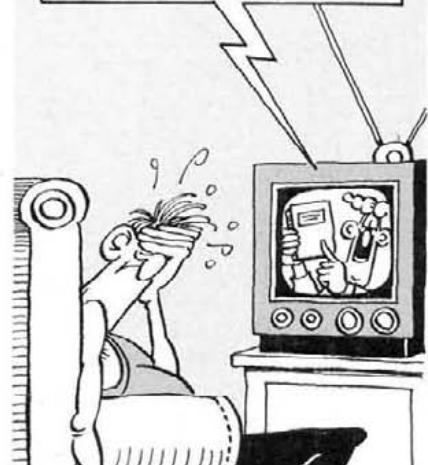
CLUE NO. 7—A curious shadow suddenly looms larger and larger, and larger and...



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FOOD AND DRUG INTAKE COULD BE A SERIOUS PROBLEM DURING AN ATOMIC ATTACK!



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TO THE NEAREST CURB AND LAY PRONE!

...BUT MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE YOU
ARE AT GROUND LEVEL AT THE TIME!



THE TREMENDOUS HEAT GENERATED AT GROUND ZERO WILL ACTUALLY BOIL STEEL!



FLOOR



AND DURING THE ACTUAL ATTACK, TRY TO BE HELPFUL TO YOUR FELLOW VICTIMS!



VISA VERSES DEPT.

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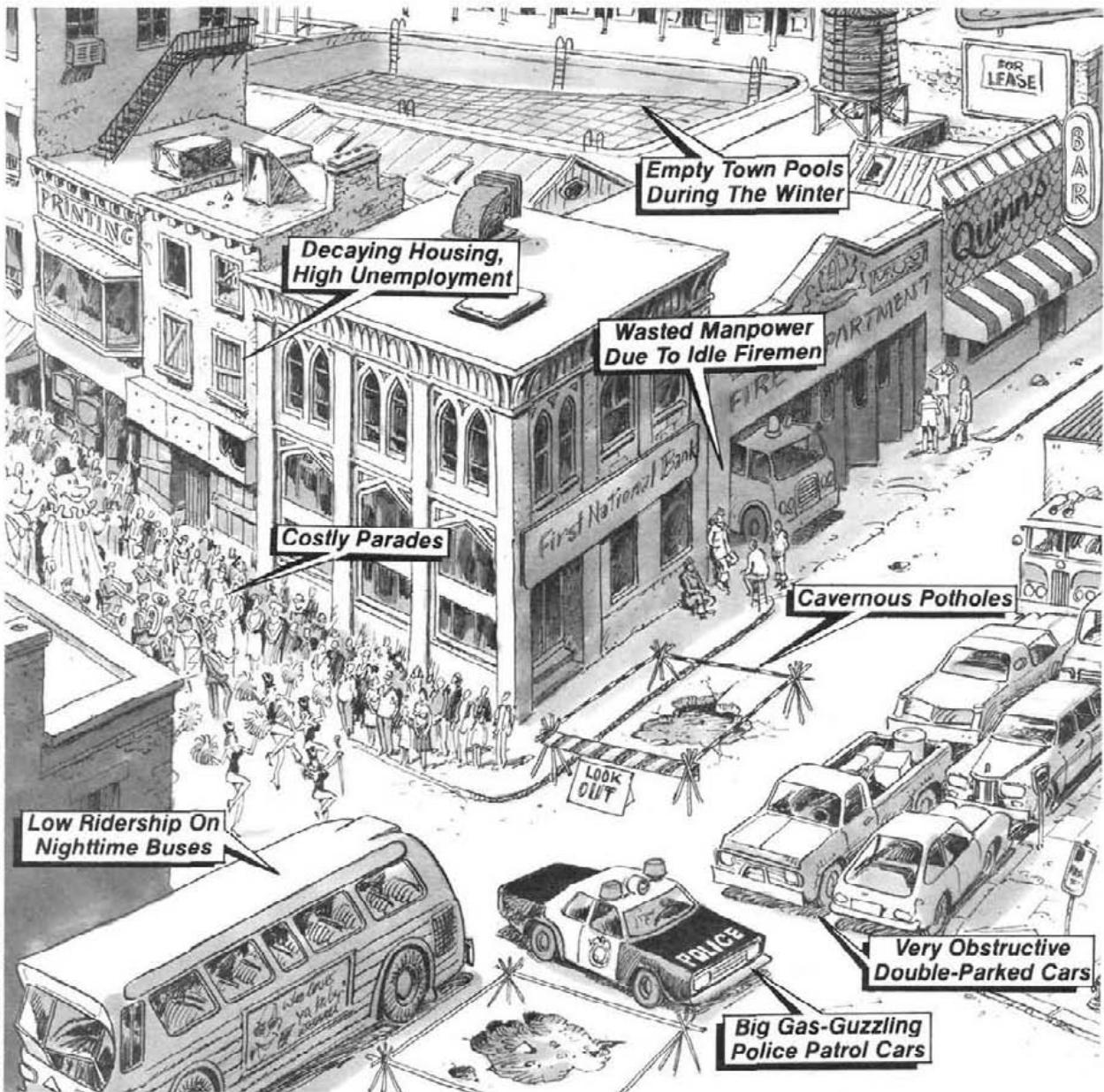
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...and to launch my 1984 sure-fire winning campaign, I have—behind this sign—my new running mate... whose ethnic background makes all of yours look sick!



URBAN ON THE ROCKS DEPT.

It doesn't take a genius to see that our cities are in big trouble these days. Mass Transit is in a shambles, streets are caving in around us, and employee productivity is down. Take a look at this typical city to see what we mean...



Now for the really bad news. When you turn this page, you're going to see some of the dumbest ideas, proposals and solutions ever conceived in an article called

MAD'S SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW OUR CITIES CAN SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS

(While Clearing A Little Extra Cash On The Side!) ¹⁹

Turn the pools into giant breeding farms for lobsters! There's big money to be made in selling sea food these days and, best of all, out-of-work lifeguards could come off the unemployment lines to run the entire operation.

Move the Unemployment Office to a different abandoned, run-down building every week! Then, while the unemployed are waiting to sign for their check, have them repair, sand, paint, carpet, etc. By the end of each week the city would have a snappy reconditioned building to sell while the unemployed people will feel useful and not notice how long they have to wait to sign for a check.

Turnstiles placed every five blocks down the center of the street! Let the paraders pay for the privilege of messing up the city's traffic and sanitation schedule.

Install Cable TV on all city buses! A bus fare is much cheaper than the cost of a movie ticket and the bus could drop riders off at their doorstep at the end of the show.

Put the firemen to work during slack time periods as window washers for high-rise office and apartment buildings. The city and firemen could split whatever they make 50-50.

Forget spending millions to repave, get celebrities to sign the potholes! If schmucks travel from all over to see star's foot prints on Hollywood Blvd., you can bet they'll flock to see your local "Celebrity Potholes!"

Double Parking Meters!
Sure, double parking is illegal, but as long as motorists are going to do it anyway, they might as well be forced to pay double the normal rates.

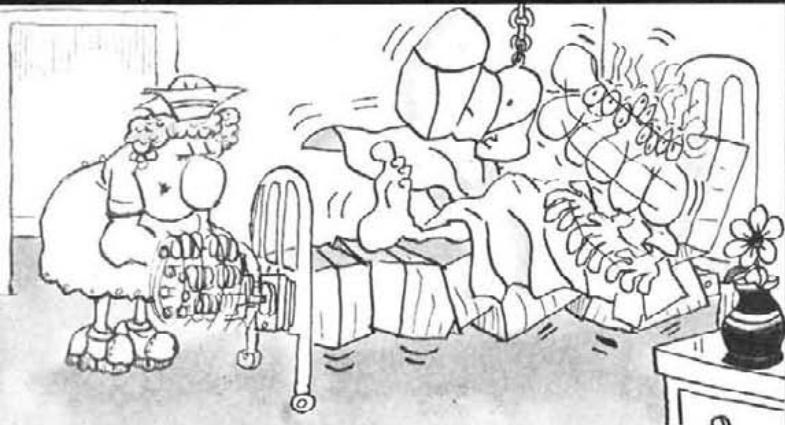
Load up police car trunks with letters, parcels, pizzas—anything that needs quick, same-day delivery service. Since police have to drive through neighborhoods anyway, and have the extra advantage of being able to use their siren, they'll be able to give cheaper and faster service than any local messenger service while turning big, big profits for both themselves and the city's empty coffers.

SICK HUMOR DEPT.

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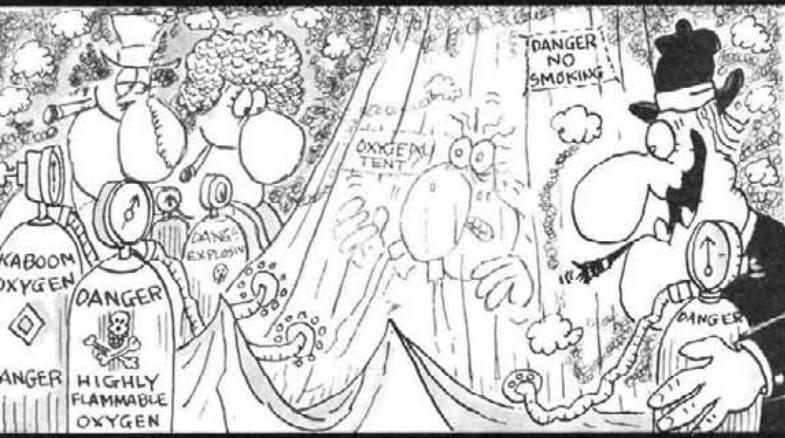
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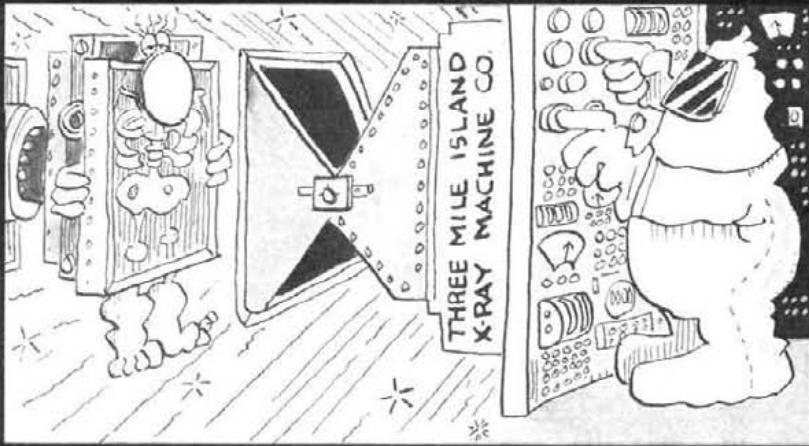
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"THE DISCHARGE DAY ACCOUNTING
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"THE WELL-MEANING FRIENDS' FLOWERY BED CRUSH AND POLLEN POISONING"



SHOOTING STARS DEPT.

The Olympics will be here in a year or so, and once again we'll be watching the same old events like running and jumping and swimming. It seems a pity that the Olympic Committee doesn't know where the **real** action is these days—mainly in

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Huntsville, Alabama

Specialty: Frenzy

Early in his career, Mungler won his acclaim at Centipede when he became the first local player to eliminate the crawling monster by throwing a brick through the screen. Now a Frenzy fanatic, he can wipe out an average of 3,000 robots per game, celebrating each triumph with a gleeful, and ear-shattering shriek of "KILL! KILL!" In 1982, he was named "Alabama Player of the Year"...after which he was declared totally insane.

JOSE "SHARK" YAMAHA

Phoenix, Arizona

Specialty: Defender

A money player, Yamaha nets around \$200 a week by spotting lesser players 20,000 points and offering to play them with one arm tied behind his back. He has yet to lose, due to his ability to hit the blast button with his nose. Barred from local arcades for gambling, Yamaha has used his winnings to put a Defender game in his basement, where daily he hustles neighborhood kids, accepting both "MasterCard" and "Visa."

SHAMUS "HULK" EPSTEIN

Chicago, Illinois

Specialty: Berzerk

An aspiring mobster, Epstein considers every Berzerk game machine his sworn enemy. Before playing his first game, he warned Evil Otto there was a "contract" out on him, then broke the Illinois Berzerk record by one million points. After he was finally wiped out, Epstein swore revenge on the machine. Two days later, it was found at the bottom of Lake Michigan, its transistors ripped out and a rock tied around it.

the new video games. Well, one day those old fogies will see the light, and Pac-Man and Tempest will take their place along with the 1,500 Meter Run and the .100-Meter Backstroke. And when that day comes, we'll proudly enter these kids as...

THE OLYMPIC TERM



AL "IRON MAN" ARGLY
Escondido, California
Specialty: Tempest

JASPER "FLAKE" PHYNQUE
New York, New York
Specialty: Frogger

WANDA "EASY" BAXDALE
Hartford, Connecticut
Specialty: Qix

COSMO "HEX" KEEVER
Spokane, Washington
Specialty: Pac-Man

Known throughout Southern California as "The Marathon Man," Argly set a new West Coast record for battling Tempest for seventy-seven consecutive hours, the last nineteen of which he played while fast asleep. Argly, whose personal high score is 840,000, keeps up his playing stamina by popping vitamin pills, ducking his head into pails of ice water and punching himself in the face, neck and chest.

Totally spaced out on ludes, grass, cocaine and "Crazy Glue," Phynque can be heard croaking and grunting while piling up 70,000-plus scores on Frogger. In truth, he is talking to the frogs, whom he calls "Electronic Soul Brothers," and whom he believes communicate with him after each successful leap. Phynque looks forward to the day when the green creatures will take their place as the rightful rulers of the Earth.

Baxdale first won attention as an arcade groupie, offering to let top male players make out with her behind the change booth. When everyone turned her down, she became a Qix champ, setting a U.S. mark of 240,000. This has won her fame, an Olympic bid and the admiration of nearly all male players, who consider her one of the all-time greats. However, they still wouldn't be caught dead with her behind the change booth.

A numerology mystic, Keever is tuned into the number 6. Before a Pac-Man match, he pulls 6 hairs from his head, then holds his breath for 66 seconds. In his greatest triumph, he began a game at 6:06 P.M. and racked up a score of 6,666,660. Keever was born on the 6th day of the 6th month and, because of his constant daily playing of Pac-Man arcade games, is currently repeating the 6th grade for the 6th time.

BABY SITTING



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHT

GROWING UP



JOB QUALIFICATIONS



R SIDE OF...

ARTIST & WRITER:
DAVE BERG

MODERN MORALITY



WISDOM



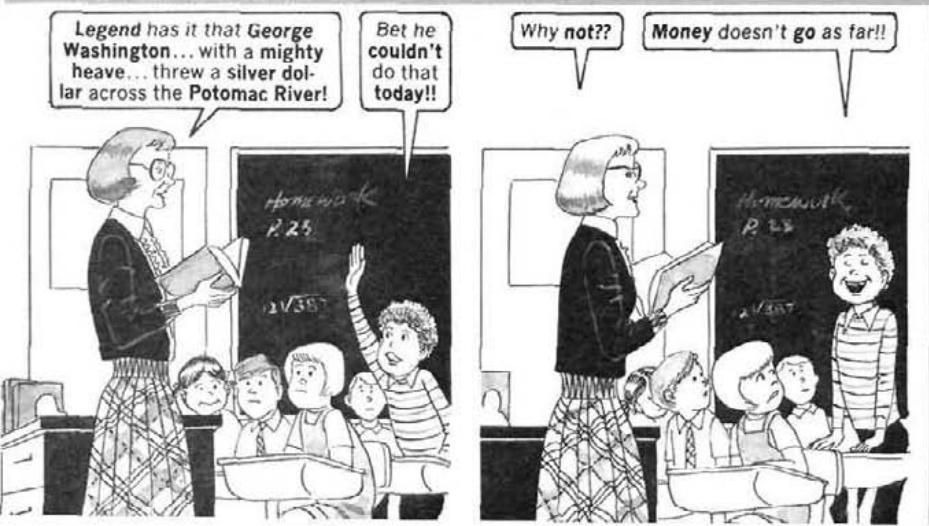
RELATIONSHIPS



STATUS CLOTHING



ECONOMICS



EATING OUT



CONCLUSIONS

Also an Accountant... a Computer Programmer... and a Bank Teller!



I wish you wouldn't read that comic book while we're eating!

Huh... ??
Why not??

People will think we're MARRIED!!



SACRIFICES

I've just been reading about the terrible things that can happen to me if I smoke pot!

So I've decided to give it up... once and for all... !!

You're going to give up smoking pot?! Oh, that's WONDERFUL!!

Not POT, idiot!

READING!!



FIREMEN

First let me see the CHECK ... and then I'll tell you!



I wonder why so many firemen have dogs?

I know why!



That's how the firemen find the fire hydrants!



NAGGING



ASSUMPTIONS



COPS



AN ANDY ROONEY "60 MINUTES" EDITORIAL

WE'D LIKE TO SEE



PHOTOS BY:
UPI

Did you ever wonder why a TV show that prides itself in accurate reporting calls itself "60 Minutes"... when, if you take out all the commercials by those big corporate sponsors, the show actually only runs for 53 minutes?!

Did you stop to think that this show is the reason Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and the rest of the gang from "The Wonderful World Of Disney" were cancelled by NBC?

Did you ever wonder why Mike Wallace enjoys the trust and respect of the American people after he did all those TV commercials in the '50's urging us to smoke cigarettes?

Did you ever, personally, know anyone named "Morley" ...?

Did you ever wonder why, with all our crusading stories about the ugly horrors of discrimination and the shocking plight of the Blacks in America, it took us over thirteen years to finally hire a Black correspondent for our show?

Did you ever wonder how Mike Wallace got away with that ethnic slur about Blacks being so easily duped because they're too busy eating watermelon to pay attention...?

Did you ever think that if an elected official made that same joke, he'd be hounded by the media—and this show?

Did you ever wonder what Ed Bradley thought of all this?

Did you ever notice that...for a guy who makes tons of money and knows he's going to be beamed into millions of homes each week...I wear some of the worst-litting and out-of-style clothes in the history of Men's Fashions?

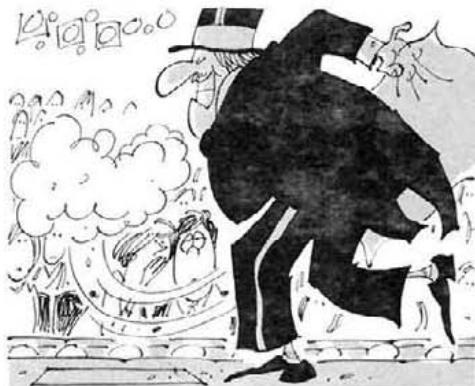
YOU KNOW HE/SHE IS

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

YOU KNOW SHE IS NOT FOR YOU WHEN...



...she screams insults at tough-looking guys from your car window.



...she watches a Magician make someone disappear
...and tells you confidentially, "It's a trick!"



...she doesn't seem to notice when flies are walking on her face.



...she gasps, "I've never done this with anyone before!"—and then shows you exactly how.



...she accepts "collect" obscene telephone calls.



...you see her name and telephone number scribbled everywhere...in her handwriting.



...people who work in VD Clinics know her on a "first-name" basis.



...she excuses herself during parties to go into the bedroom to lie down, and seven guys do the same thing.



...she punches her aged Mother in the face a lot.



NOT FOR YOU WHEN...

WRITER: STAN HART

YOU KNOW HE IS NOT FOR YOU WHEN...



...he wants to do your hair.



...he's into "Death."



...he likes to skip instead of walk.



* ...he can't tell time.



...he's constantly carrying out "Search & Destroy Zits" missions.



...the friends he wants you to meet are all out on bail, awaiting trials for murder...or worse.



* ...he has a tattoo on his chest with another guy's name on it.



...he's trained his dog to sit up, and beg, and eat other dogs.



...he likes to tap dance on car roofs.



...he kisses your kid brother on the lips the first time they meet.



...he punches your aged Mother in the face a lot.

As any psychiatrist worth his salt (or his \$75 an hour) will tell you, we'd all be a lot better off if we viewed our lives, our expectations and our daily problems

realistically. The trouble is that most of us don't do it that way. We're either overly optimistic and assume that everything will turn out all right, when it probab-

A MAD LOOK AT THE D OPTIMISM, PESSIMISM

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

Upon hearing an insect buzzing around inside his moving car . . .



. . . the Realist stops the car immediately and rolls down the windows, in case it's a wasp.



. . . the Optimist rolls up the windows, in case it's a species of rare tropical moth that might escape before he can sell it.



. . . the Pessimist drives straight to a mortuary so he'll be ready for immediate embalming in case it's a "Killer Bee."

Upon being told by her date that she looks exactly like Cheryl Tiegs . . .



. . . the Realist knows exactly what the guy hopes to accomplish by telling her such lies, and accepts or rejects him.



. . . the Optimist takes the very next plane to New York City to seek fame and fortune as a professional model,



. . . the Pessimist worries that any kidnapper who may have plans to grab Cheryl Tiegs will get her by mistake.

Iy won't... or we're overly pessimistic and assume that everything will turn out all wrong, when some of it may actually turn out all right. Unfortunately, the most

blissful optimists and the most gloomy pessimists are the last ones to realize that their view of the world is cockeyed. So, to straighten all you clods out, here's

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MISM & REALISM

WRITER: TOM KOCH

Upon seeing the words, "For a good time, call Gertie at 555-8080" on a phone booth wall . . .



. . . the Realist knows this is some prankster's attempt to harrass an innocent girl.



. . . the Optimist showers and puts on a suit before calling the number, in case Gertie invites him to come right over.



. . . the Pessimist dutifully calls, even though he's sure that Gertie's a beast, and even more sure that she'll turn him down flat regardless.

Upon hearing a prolonged, high-pitched bleep broadcast over the radio . . .



. . . the Realist figures it's just a Civil Defense test, and waits for regular programming to resume



. . . the Optimist figures it's the latest "punk rock" hit, and is overjoyed that he's one of the first to have heard it.



. . . the Pessimist figures it's an air raid alert, and spends the next month in a cellar waiting for the "all clear."

Upon being confronted by someone he knows while registering with a strange woman at a motel . . .



... the Realist introduces her as his company's "Regional Manager" . . . and then hopes for the best.



... the Optimist assumes that his friend is there with a strange woman too, and begins anticipating a group-fun evening.



... the Pessimist gives his friend all the cash he has, and promises to make another blackmail payment in two weeks.

Upon hearing that his plane can't take off until the morning because of the fog . . .



... the Realist is delighted the airline is concerned enough about safety to postpone the flight.

... the Optimist is delighted to have an opportunity to offer the Stewardess a place to stay overnight: his hotel room.

... the Pessimist is delighted to learn that his anticipated death in a plane crash has been put off for one more day.

Upon being mistakenly identified in a police line-up by a mugging victim . . .



... the Realist tries to think of someone who can vouch for his whereabouts at the time of the robbery.



... the Optimist gleefully anticipates being sent to prison, where he can finally get away from his nagging mother.



... the Pessimist doesn't even bother to get a lawyer, because he's sure he'll be lynched before his case comes to trial.

Upon seeing a long fly ball headed his way . . .



. . . the Realist knows he'll be traded if he drops one more of these.

. . . the Optimist is so sure he'll catch it and spark a winning streak, he begins planning how to spend his World Series check.

. . . the Pessimist is so sure it's a homer, he just hopes he won't break any bones crashing into the wall in a futile attempt to catch it.

Upon seeing election returns that show a candidate he's trailing by twelve million votes . . .



. . . the Realist concedes defeat after blaming his loss on inflation and the civil war in El Salvador.

. . . the Optimist expects late returns from the West Coast to turn the tide because his nephew out there promised to vote for him.

. . . the Pessimist hires a bodyguard because he suddenly realizes he's even more unpopular than he thought.

Upon spotting an ominous-looking stranger headed up the front walk . . .



. . . the Realist bolts the front door, because he knows that even substitute mailmen don't wear long black capes.

. . . the Optimist opens the door, assuming the creep is a long lost relative who's come to bring him money.

. . . the Pessimist bolts the door, but opens the window so his screams can be heard once the stranger breaks in and starts to torture him (or worse).

SAPPY ENDINGS DEPT.

MAD'S NEW TWI



TOWER OF BABEL GOES CO-OP



ALADDIN ARRESTED FOR USING
ILLEGAL ALIEN LABOR



PETER PAN HELD IN PATTERN OVER NEVER-NEVER
LAND, THEN REROUTED TO DALLAS-FT. WORTH



HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME
ADVERTISES DESIGNER JEANS

ADULTS TO OLD TALES

ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES



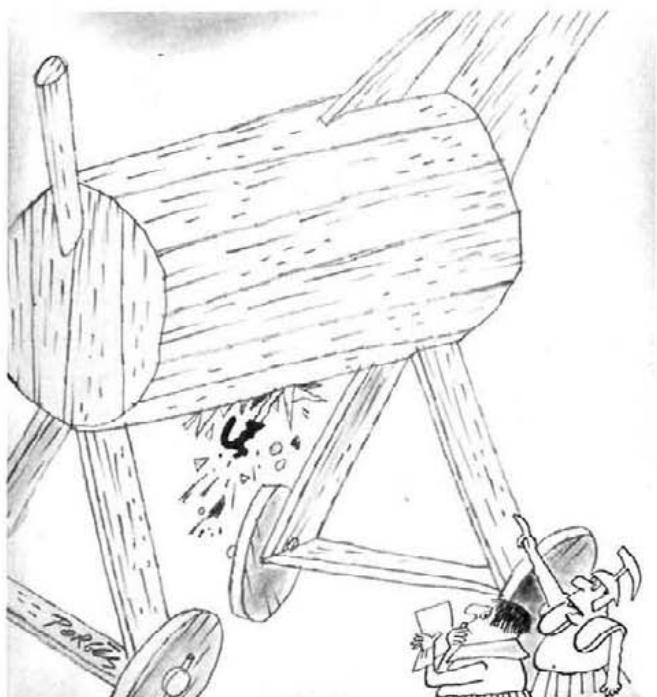
SNOW WHITE SAVED BY PRINCE
APPLYING HEIMLICH MANEUVER



GRIDLOCK ON THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD



OLD WOMAN WHO LIVED IN A SHOE MOVES
INTO A HIGH-RISE HOUSING PROJECT



TROJAN HORSE RECALLED BY MANUFACTURER
BECAUSE OF STRUCTURAL DEFECTS

One sure thing about Professional Sports is its universality. Rich or poor, black or white, we can all relate to its greed, its egomania, and its "win at any cost" mentality. But wait a minute! What ABOUT these lessons it's

IF PARENTS AND C LIKE PROFESSIONA

JIMMY VAUGHN BECOMES SMITH

KATHY SMITH TO VAUGHNS PLUS CASH IN SURPRISE TRADE

BURGTOWN, MO.—"I still love my parents, but the Smiths made me an offer I just couldn't pass up!" With that brief statement, Jimmy Vaughn, 11, became the first member of the Vaughn family to leave for another organization. He joins the Smith family who, perhaps not coincidentally, leave for a two-week vacation at Disneyland next month.

The man in charge of the Smith organization, Ed Smith, father, had this to say about the trade, which also sent his eldest daughter, Kathy, to the Vaughn family.

"We needed a boy who could take out the garbage. We hated to let Kathy go, but Jimmy is the kind of son you must have in a competitive neighborhood like ours."

Kathy also expressed no regrets.

"The Vaughns are in a much better position to get me into the High School of my choice," she stated. "I plan to give my new family 110%. I know I can do dishes and sew, but I think I can contribute even more in the long run. After all, I have the looks to win a Beauty Pageant someday. Can Jimmy Vaughn say that?"

Sources close to the Vaughn and Smith organizations were (Please turn to Page 12, Col. 3)



JIMMY AND KATHY WISH EACH OTHER WELL.

DEFERRED PAYMENT PLAN NIXED BY KIDS

CLUVE CHILDREN WANT SWEETS NOW

DOREMI, FA.—In an unprecedented group bargaining agreement, the Cluve children, Toby, 9 and Lisa, 11, have won the right to receive cookies and candy immediately upon earning them for specified good behavior.

"Management (their parents, Olga and Willie Cluve) wanted to spread the treats out over a period of time. But you know how it is. When you deserve something, you want it now!" said spokesman, Toby.



TRIUMPHANT TONY AND LISA AFTER SUCCESSFUL BARGAINING SESSION

Reportedly, a concern over high blood sugar levels and soaring dental bills prompted the bid by Mr. and Mrs. Cluve to arrange for deferred payments, which would have resulted, they felt, in some more (Continued on Page 17)

teaching us?! What if the values of Pro Sports...especially as embodied in the clashes between today's "free agent athletes" and "the owners"...were to be adopted by our society as a whole? We can just see the headlines...

CHILDREN BEHAVED L SPORTS FIGURES

ARTIST: JACK RICKARD WRITER: DENNIS SNEE

DAVEY CARTWRIGHT, OWNERS, FAR APART ON CONTRACT TERMS Parents Hedge On No-Cut Clause

HEIRSBURG, LA.—"We think the world of Davey, but then so did his four previous families!" That was how Mr. Stuart Cartwright described the feelings of himself and his wife in the current dispute with their youngest free agent son, Davey.

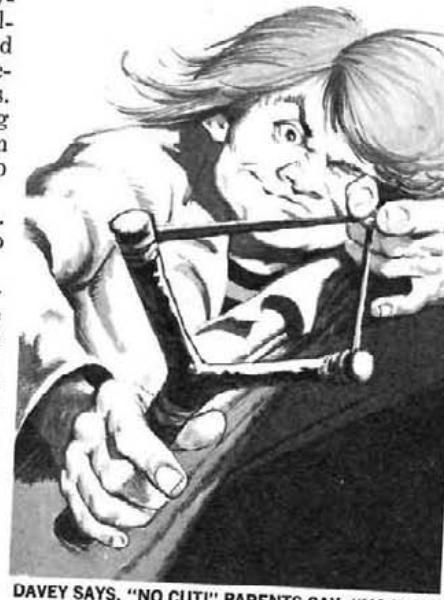
"I'm not asking for anything that comparable children aren't getting," said Davey, 10. "I just want security for my declining years. If I lose my touch for pulling weeds or walking the dog when I'm 12 or 13, who's going to want me?"

For their part, Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright are prepared to play the waiting game.

"We feel he'll cave in eventually. We just can't assume responsibility for a son whose ability and long-term loyalty are suspect. Three or four years down the line, we must have the option of unloading him."

Young Davey is represented in the dispute by the legal firm of Guile, Gall and Grasp, which previously won a landmark case for its clients when

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Diane McGlaughlin Sent Down To Boarding School

LOCAL MA BELL
GRIEVES, WILL RETIRE HER
PHONE NUMBER

FURDVUE, TX.—This paper has learned that Diane McGlaughlin, popular local gab queen, will be sent to Esterhazy School For Young Women in exchange for an undisclosed amount of cash.

Officials at Texas Bell Telephone released the story, expressing "profound disappointment" at the loss of their company's "Top Talker." Her phone number will be retired, they say, in recognition of the business Diane brought the firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGlaughlin, Diane's parents, said the move to a boarding school would help the young woman "mature, and learn to function without her own private telephone."

Diane was unavailable for comment on the move. Reporters attempted to reach her at the home of her best friend, Sue Ann Keeling, but gave up after getting a busy signal for over two hours. Their diligence was eventually rewarded, however, when a new tact was taken and they tried

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SUZANNE SCHLEE LOOKS GOOD AT FIRST SPRING CLEANING WORKOUT

Former "Most Valuable Cleaner" Rumored Washed Up

SAN TACLAWS, RI.—"I felt good, I felt loose. The vacuum cleaner seemed light as a feather. And my 'duster's elbow' didn't bother me a bit!"

With that report, Suzanne Schlee completed her first day of spring cleaning, exuding confidence and squelching rumors that her days as the "Number One Cleaner" in the Schlee franchise were numbered.

"Anytime you come off a bad year, people start pointing fingers and mops at you," said Suzanne's coach and mother, Mrs. Jane Schlee. "But Suzanne cleaned as well today as she ever has."

Insiders with the Schlee organization claimed that Suzanne was in danger of being traded until today, in spite of her title as family top banana in both dishes washed and dust balls vacuumed last year.

According to one high-level member of the Schlee team, Suzanne worked especially hard over the winter to regain her famed "overhand wipe" which earned her the coveted Windex Silver Squeegee award two years ago.

"Suzanne is a complete cleaner," said older brother Bart, who was resting on the porch when this reporter was (Continued on Page 12)



SUZANNE SCHLEE ON TOP OF HER GAME AGAIN

ROGER HANNAH BECOMES ROGER WILSON AFTER UNAUTHORIZED FAMILY CAR MISHAP

MAKECAH, CA. — Twelve year old Roger Hannah released the parking brake of his parents' new Chevy sedan today, causing the car to wind up in a neighbor's begonia bed, and Roger to wind up with a new family.

"By wrecking the car, Roger violated both the letter and the spirit of his current contract," said Mrs. Hannah, Budget Director of the Hannah organization. "We hate to let him go, but he just doesn't fit our mold any more!"

"I couldn't be happier," responded the free-spirited Roger. "My real parents are such a drag. They didn't even think it was funny when I put our canary into the Vegematic. How could anybody live with people like that? I'm looking forward to working with the Wilsons."

Apparently the feeling is mutual. "The kid is a real find," said Mr. Wally "Firewall" Wilson. "Reminds me of myself at that age. He should



EX-HANNAH STAR, ROGER, AND HIS NEW CLUB, THE WILSONS

fit right in with the ticket-scalping and home-made beer operations we run."

Plans to replace Roger in the Hannah organization were incomplete, but Burt Hannah, president and father, said they could fill the gap nicely with "a good left-handed B-plus student."

FORCED TO PLAY WHILE INJURED, YOUTH CLAIMS

SKELETON, KY.—Richie Griffin, 11, claimed today that his mother forced him to "take a Children's Aspirin and go play outside" in spite of a painful scab on his left knee.

"She said her Bridge Club couldn't hear themselves gossiping because I was watching television. So she ordered me to take an aspirin, and then take a walk!"

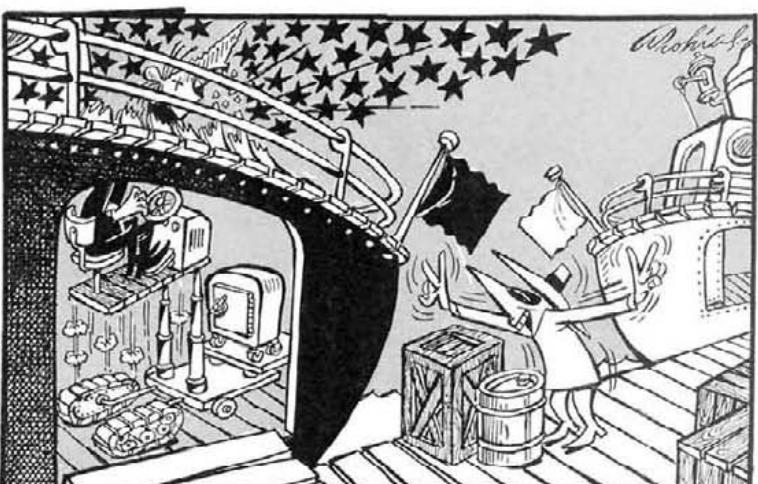
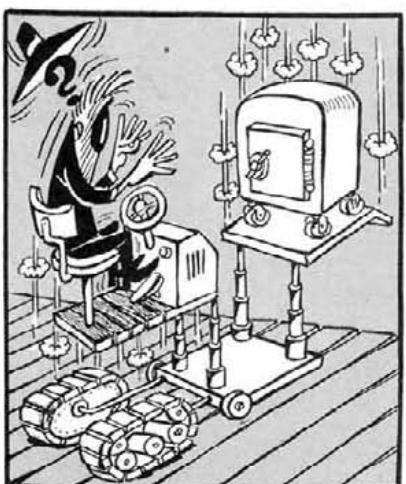
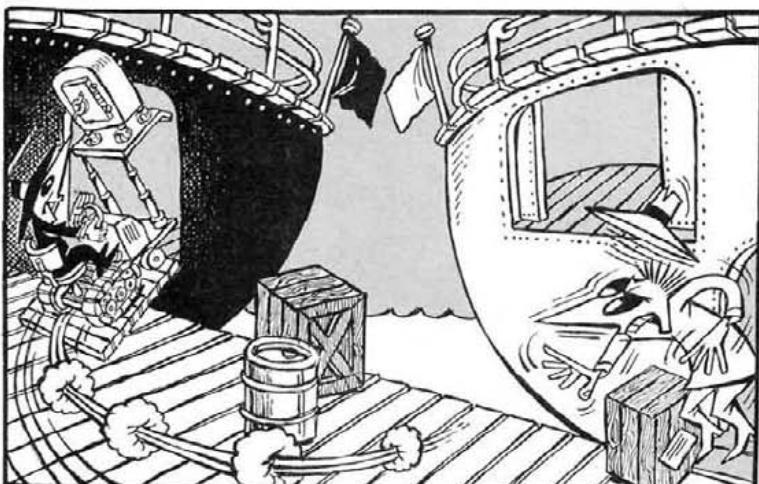
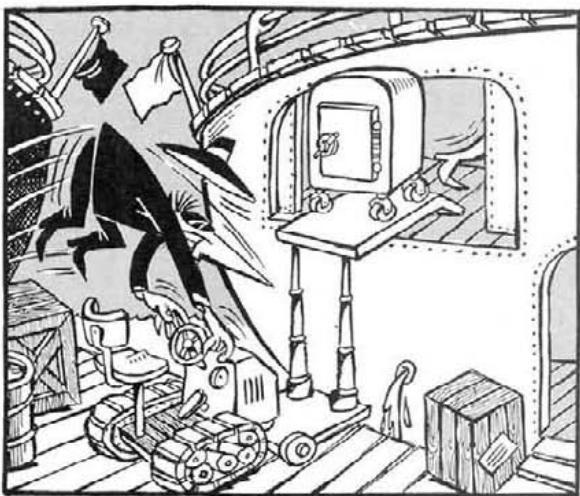
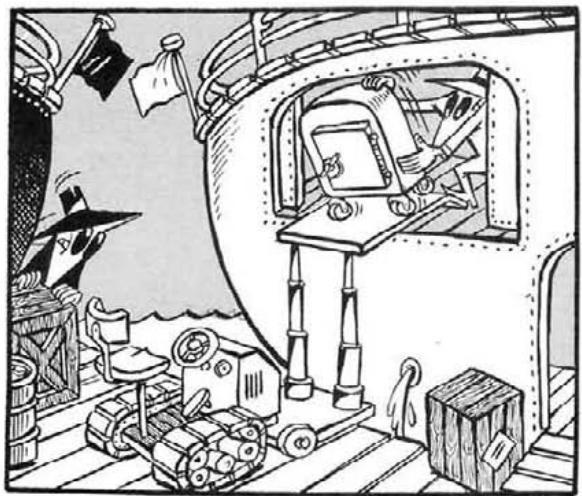


RICHIE GRIFFIN LEAVES LAWYER'S OFFICE

The youth is seeking 100 Popsicles in actual damages, and 100 more in punitive damages as a result of the incident, and preliminary indications point to a lengthy legal battle as a (Continued on Page 47)

"I understand the Millers are looking to trade one of their sons, and those kids are not only good students, but they take their vitamins and brush their teeth, too."

The only thing concerning the transaction that remains to be seen is the consequence of being traded (Please turn to the next page)



KHAKI DUTY DEPT.

If you want to know exactly the way it ISN'T in today's Army, try the witless, moronic weekly series that distorts reality while it taxes your intelligence...

Welcome to Ft. Bored-
ly! I'm Col. Spring-
steel, the Commanding
Officer! One of my
jobs here is to keep
tabs on a dangerous,
insidious element
that has wormed its
way into the American
Army and is threatening
to destroy our
sacred way of life!

Russian
spies??

No...
BROADS!

Hi! I'm Pvt.
Jokey Simp,
and I love
it here!
I mean...
where else
can a Pvt.
earn more
money than
the Presi-
dent, and
also get
paid for
Summer
Re-runs!?

I'm Pvt. Mama-
mia Vermicelli!
I'm a kind of a
female Fonz! I
say "Ay, ay!"
a lot, and I
bring dignity
to Italian-
Americans that
hasn't been
matched on TV
since Anna Maria
Alberghetti's
"salad dressing"
commercials!

I'm Pvt. Racy
Bageloxus! I'm
a Greek—to go
with the other
mandatory ethnic
types in a TV
Group Comedy! I
hear they hired
an Eskimo for
the show, but at
the last minute,
she got cold
feet! Don't go
away! I also say
FUNNY things!

I'm Sgt./Major
Cross! All I do
is hang around,
look tough and
say "Sound off!"
Still, things
could be worse!
If this was
World War II,
I'd be shuffling,
serving chittlins
in the Officer's
Mess, and saying
"Yassuh, Boss!"
...to PFC's!

And I'm Capt. Ludicrous!
My main job here is to do
Oliver Hardy Impressions!
Watch for my all-time rec-
ord-breaking slow "temper
burn" which begins on Mon-
day, and ends with a huge
explosion next Wednesday!

So much for the supporting
cast! It's time to make way
for the STAR of the show—
that wild, whacko, rich,
overprivileged hairball...
PRIVATE BENJURMIND...





PRIVATE BEN JURMIND

Ay, ay, I wonder what hilarious stunt that lovable nerd is gonna start off with today? Wow, she walked into the Captain's Jeep! The laugh machine is gonna love that one!

HA HA HA
HO HO HO
HAW HAW

Whoops!!
I'm sorry,
Captain Ludicrous!

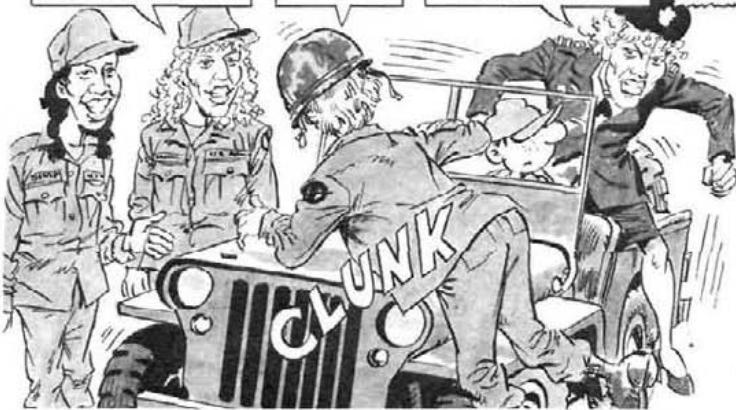
Wait a minute!! I'm starting my historic slow burn... ! Okay, now for the yakkeroo! I'm sorry, too, Pvt. Benjurmind! Sorry my jeep wasn't going 70 miles an hour!!

HEE
HEE
HAW
HAW
YUK
YUK
HAR
HAR

Benjurmind, you're the saddest, screwed-up excuse for a soldier in this whole army! You can't do ANYTHING right! Now, where's that Intercontinental Ballistic Missile I put you in charge of?

That ICBM?? You mean the deadliest weapon in the Free World's arsenal... which can destroy entire cities? Golly, captain, I guess I lost it!

See?? There you go again, Benjurmind!!



ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: LARRY SIEGEL

Tell me, Pvt. Benjurmind... how is it humanly possible for anyone to lose something the size of an ICBM... ???

I don't know, Ma'am! I guess you start off as a kid... by losing your library card! and then you just sort of branch out to other things!

Grrrr!! Chompp!! Gnashhhh!! Stand aside, everyone! I am now about to erupt in the first of my weekly comic explosions!! ROARRRR!!

Something about all this seems familiar, but I don't know what it is! I'm sure it'll come to me before the end of the show!

Benjurmind, you better find that missile... or your name is MUD!! Understand?

Yes, Ma'am!

Mail Call!! Let's See ... Pvt. Vermicelli ... Pvt. Simp... Pvt. Mud!

Holy cow!! She doesn't waste any time!!



Well??!
Have you
found
the
ICBM
yet?

I—I've been trying to
retrace my steps! It's
not in the PX! It's not
under my cot! It's not
in my foot locker...

THAT's
your foot
locker!!!
God, how
I HATE
rich kids!

Sergeant, you've
got to help me!!
I'm in real big
trouble! You...
you didn't, by
chance, come
across a missing
ICBM, did you??

Afraid you're out of luck,
Juicy! No ICBM! But we
DID find the 108 bullets,
the three missing rocket-
launchers, your blow dryer
and that Sherman tank you
lost last Wednesday...!!

Gee, I never realized I
was so clumsy! I wonder
how I lost that TANK?!

Ahhh, it could've hap-
pened to ANYBODY! It
probably rolled out of
your FOOT LOCKER!



Our troubles are
over, Captain!
Look what I found!

Idiot! That's
an IBM... not
an ICBM!!!

Well...
giggle—
giggle—
three out
of four
ain't bad!

HAW HAW
HAR HAR
ARRGHHH
GASSPPP
WHEEEZE
PLOTZZZ

Benjurmind...
find that mis-
sile, or I am
gonna kill YOU
just the way
you killed that
laugh machine!!

This is your most
idiotic idea yet,
Juicy! Building an
ICBM with Elmer's
glue and 2 x 4's to
fool the Captain!
I refuse to be part
of this kind of mor-
onic episode plot!

Okay! Instead, what
say we ask the Net-
work to do stories
based on REAL Army
problems, like dope,
race prejudice and
Trainee deaths due
to Non-Com abuse?

You
wanna
pass
that
Sarah
Wrap
and
Scotch
tape?



Well, the dummy
missile is all
finished! ...
I wonder when the
Captain is gonna
find out about it?

SHRIEK!

SCREAM

I guess she
just found out!
I said, I guess
she just found
out...! I said,
I guess she...

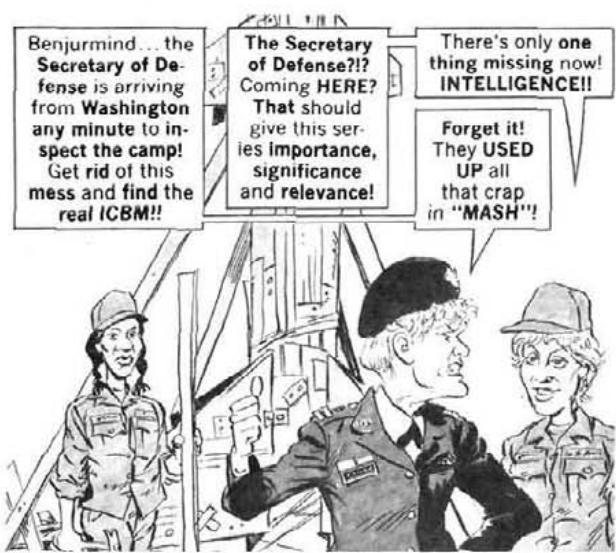
God... I
feel so
LONELY
without
that laugh
machine!!

Benjurmind... the
Secretary of De-
fense is arriving
from Washington
any minute to in-
spect the camp!
Get rid of this
mess and find the
real ICBM!!

The Secretary
of Defense?!?
Coming HERE?
That should
give this series
importance,
significance
and relevance!

There's only one
thing missing now!
INTELLIGENCE!!

Forget it!
They USED
UP all
that crap
in "MASH"!!

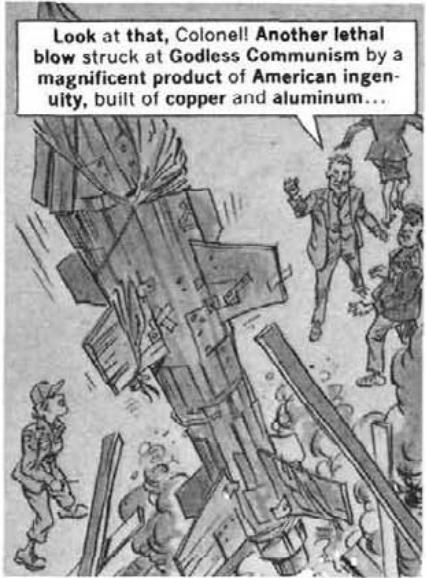




Okay, Sir... here it goes...!!



Look at that, Colonel! Another lethal blow struck at Godless Communism by a magnificent product of American ingenuity, built of copper and aluminum...



...and Glad Bags and rubber bands and Silly Putty and bobby pins and—

WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON HERE?!



Benjurmind, you're a dead duck! Nothing in this whole wide crazy world can save you NOW!!

Don't be such a Gloomy Gus, Sir! Remember the L.O.M.R.F.S.I.!

I have a feeling I'm about to get good news... in TWO PARTS...

Mr. Secretary, we made a terrible mistake! That wasn't a Russian missile! That was a Soviet AIRLINER... carrying a team of top athletes to the International Volley Ball championship games at Malibu Beach!

See?! That's Part One...

Just think! This gutsy, dedicated soldier... while refusing to disobey a direct order from a superior... had the brains to send up a dummy missile instead of a real one, and not trigger World War III, thus saving the entire population of Earth and the generations still unborn from total annihilation!!

...and that's Part Two....!!



Grr... Grrr... You think you're so smart, don't you, Benjurmind?! You think you put something over on me, huh!

Er-uh —Yes, Ma'am! Er—I mean, NO, Ma'am!

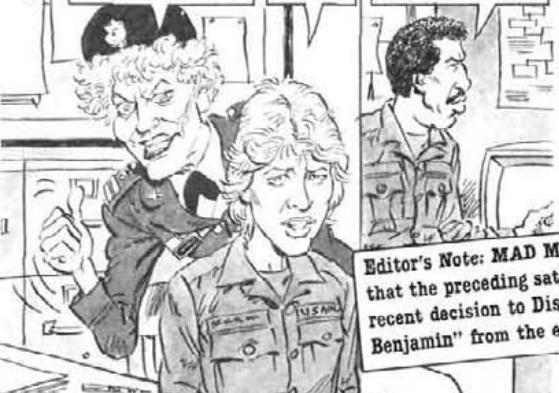
Why does all this seem so familiar? I just can't seem to put my finger on it! Oh, well—I guess I'll watch some television—

Well, listen to me, pea-head! You better find that missile or —grr gnash chomp— I'll kick your tail around the parade grounds ten times!

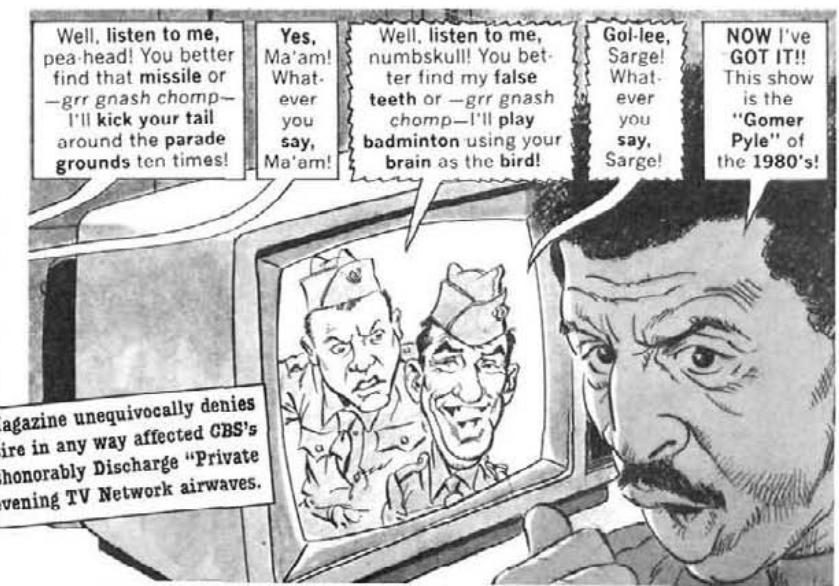
Yes, Ma'am! Whatever you say, Ma'am!

Well, listen to me, numbskull! You better find my false teeth or —grr gnash chomp—I'll play badminton using your brain as the bird!

Gol-lee, Sarge! Whatever you say, Sarge! NOW I've GOT IT!! This show is the "Gomer Pyle" of the 1980's!



Editor's Note: MAD Magazine unequivocally denies that the preceding satire in any way affected CBS's recent decision to Dishonorably Discharge "Private Benjamin" from the evening TV Network airwaves.



**WHAT RECENT
SPIRITUAL
MOVEMENT HAS
(THANK GOD!)
BURNED
ITSELF OUT?**

**HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS
MAD FOLD-IN**

A new spiritual movement that recently swept the country has apparently crashed to earth finally. To find out what spiritual movement we're talking about, fold in page as shown.



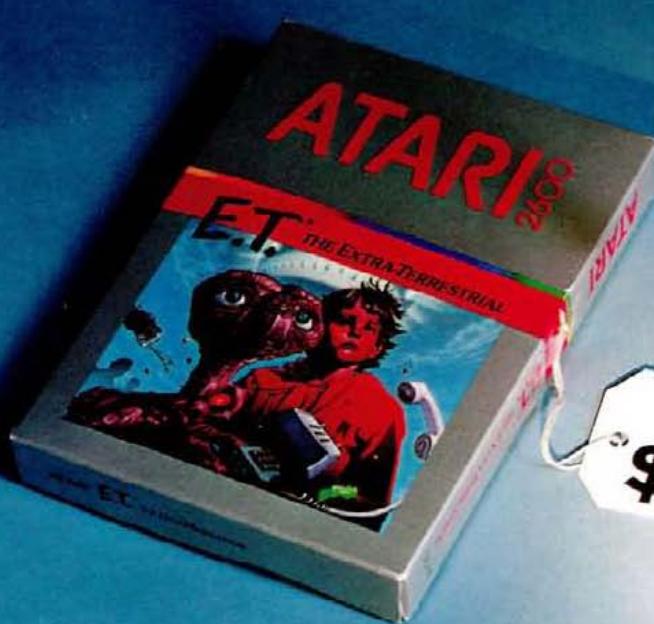
IN THE WORDS OF OUR VERY OWN ALFRED E. NEUMAN... "MANY AN IDIOT HAS JOINED A CULT. WORSE YET, CULTIST LEADERS PROFIT WHEN THEY WHIP SUCH IDIOTS INTO A MONEY-GIVING FRENZY"!

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